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February 9, 1993

Mr. Preston Chiaro, P.E. Vice President Environmental Affairs Kennecott Corporation 10 East South Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84147

> Eastside Leach Collection System RE:

Dear Mr. Chiaro:

Thank you for your letter of January 7, 1993 regarding the status of the East Side Leach Collection System. We basically agree with your conclusions stated therein on the need for permits for the referenced facilities and their minor extensions. This would not include any major impoundments. We appreciate the efforts that Kennecott is making to upgrade this existing system to comply with commitments related to the anticipated CERCLA Consent Decree. Your letter indicates that Kennecott anticipates submitting the Ground Water Discharge Permit Application for this aspect of Kennecott's operations in February 1993. Upon receipt of the application we will evaluate the facilities as part of the BAT design and ground water monitoring systems to determine adequacy and compliance with our regulatory requirements both in the ground water and construction permit programs.

Should you have further questions on this matter, please feel free to contact John Whitehead at 538-6146

Sincerely,

Don A. Ostler, P.E.

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